

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Nursing Education – Certain complaints against St. Joseph School of Nursing,
Duppalapalli Road, Nalgonda – Admissions stopped – Orders issued.

HEALTH, MEDICAL AND FAMILY WELFARE (K2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.283

Dated: 23rd July, 2008
Read the following:-

1. Govt.Memo.No.391/K1/1988-1, H.M.&F.W.(K1) Dept.
dt.17-5-1988
2. G.O.Ms.No.389, H.M. & F.W. (K2) Dept., dt.7-10-2004
3. A.P.Nursing & Midwifery Council, letter dt.23-12-1996.
4. From the Joint Registrar (Law), NHRC, New Delhi, Letter dt.20-3-
2007, addressed to Chief Secretary, Govt. of A.P.
5. Govt.Memo.No.7135/K2/2007, dt.24-4-2007
6. D.M.E. Letter No.Spl./NEA/2007, dt.24-4-2007 along with
enquiry report of enquiry officers dt.24-4-2007 and the D.M.E.
Letter dt.9-10-2007
7. Show cause notice of D.M.E. vide letter Rc.No.Spl./NE-A/07//,
dt.23-7-2007 & 29-3-2008
8. From the Correspondent, St.Joseph School of Nursing, Nalgonda
letter dt.6-8-2007 & 1-11-2007
9. From the Director of Medical Education, A.P., Hyderabad letter
No.Spl./NE-A/07//, dt.2-7-2008

ORDER:

In the reference first read above, orders were issued for establishment of Nethaji School of Nursing, Nalgonda with an intake of 40 seats. In the reference 2nd cited, orders were issued enhancing the seats from 40 to 60 seats. Further in the reference 3rd read above, the APNMC has issued orders for change of name of Nethaji School of Nursing, Nalgonda as St. Joseph's School of Nursing, Nalgonda.

2. In the reference 4th read above, a complaint has been received from the National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi against the St.Joseph School of Nursing, Nalgonda, regarding payment of compensation to the student Ms.Pretty Mathews for loss of academic year.

3. In the reference 5th read above, the matter has been referred to the Director of Medical Education, A.P., Hyderabad to enquire the matter and submit the report to Govt. Accordingly, the Director of Medical Education, A.P., Hyderabad has appointed an enquiry committee in this regard vide reference 6th read above. Further, the Director of Medical Education, A.P., Hyderabad has issued two show-cause notices to the St.Joseph's School of Nursing, Nalgonda vide reference 7th read above. In the reference 8th read above, the Correspondent has submitted the explanation which is not at all satisfactory and he has not given the reply to the second show-cause notice issued by the Director of Medical Education, A.P., Hyderabad.

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4. In this regard, the Director of Medical Education, A.P., Hyderabad has stated that vide Memo.No.7135/K2/2007, dt.2-7-2008 Government have informed that National Human Rights Commission has addressed the Govt., about the loss of academic year to the students of St.Joseph School of Nursing, Nalgonda and payment of compensation.

5. In view of the above allegations and in response to Govt. Memo cited, the Director of Medical Education, A.P., Hyderabad has appointed the enquiry officers to conduct preliminary enquiry vide Rc.No.Spl/NEA/2007, dated 24-4-2007. The enquiry officers submitted the enquiry report stating that (1) the existing condition of the said School of Nursing, infrastructure, hostel facilities, lab facilities, etc are not adequate and (2) Regarding teaching facilities the School of Nursing is not following Indian Nursing Council norms. The enquiry findings were addressed to Government vide reference Spl/NEA/2007, dated 1-5-2007.

6. Further the Director of Medical Education, A.P., Hyderabad has informed that a show cause notice was issued on 25-7-2007 to the Principal, St.Joseph School of Nursing, Nalgonda in response to the enquiry conducted on 24-4-2007, vide reference Spl/NEA/2007, dated 23-7-2007. In response to the show cause notice, the Principal St.Joseph School of Nursing has stated in her letter dated 6-8-2007 that the premises where the School of Nursing was running was vacated for the reason that it needs major repairs, due to heavy leakage of roofs of the building. The Institution is shifted to a new building on the outskirts of Nalgonda under the compelling condition and in unavoidable circumstances, she also requested to visit their institution once again. The same was informed to the Indian Nursing Council vide reference Spl/NEA/2007, dated 25-8-2007 and to Government vide reference Spl/NEA/2007, dated 5-9-2007.

7. Further the Director of Medical Education, A.P., Hyderabad has informed that another team of enquiry officers was appointed for the second time against the said School of Nursing vide Rc.No.Spl/NEA/2007, dated 9-10-2007.

8. In the second enquiry the enquiry officers have observed that :

1. The existing St.Joseph School of Nursing was shifted to new premises with out prior permission of Director of Medical Education.
2. In the new premises physical facilities are not adequate as per Indian Nursing Council norms and are in haphazard condition and the furniture and equipment was also dumped.
3. Regarding faculty the enquiry officers stated that the teaching faculty and correspondent are not present at the time of enquiry.

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9. Further the Director of Medical Education, A.P., Hyderabad has stated that after the completion of second enquiry a detailed report was submitted to the Government and also another show cause notice was issued to the said School of Nursing vide Lr.Rc.No.Spl/NEA/2007, dated 27-3-2008. But no reply has been received from the Principal, St.Joseph School of Nursing till date, in response to the 2nd show cause notice issued.

10. Further the School of Nursing was shifted from the existing premises to new premises without taking prior permission from the concerned authorities which is violation of the Indian Nursing Council norms as well as Government orders.

11. In the light of above facts/findings, the Government after careful examination have decided to stop the admissions for the current academic year 2008-2009 in respect of St.Joseph School of Nursing, Duppalapalli Road, Nalgonda and inform the same to the Indian Nursing Council, New Delhi, so as to cancel the recognition of the St.Joseph School of Nursing, Nalgonda, in view of the enquiry reports and also negligent attitude towards answering in the show cause notice issued to them. Accordingly, Government hereby order to stop the admissions in respect of St.Joseph's School of Nursing, Duppalapalli Road, Nalgonda (new address:1-14, Marriguda Bypass Road, Nalgonda) from the academic year 2008-2009 admissions. The Indian Nursing Council, New Delhi shall be requested for cancellation of recognition of the said School of Nursing.

12. The Director of Medical Education, A.P., Hyderabad shall take necessary further action in the matter and he is requested to address the Indian Nursing Council, New Delhi to cancel the recognition of the above said School of Nursing, immediately.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

P.K. AGARWAL
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Secretary & Correspondent,
St.Joseph's School of Nursing,
1-14, Marriguda, Bypass Road, Nalgonda.
The Director of Medical Education, A.P.,
Koti, Hyderabad
The Secretary, Indian Nursing Council,
Combined Council Bldg., Kotla Road, New Delhi
The President, APNMC, Koti, Hyderabad
The Dist. Medical & Health Officer, Nalgonda
The Principal, OMC, Hyd / GMC, Sec'bad
Copy to:
The P.S. to Hon'ble Minister for M.E. & H.I.
The Joint Registrar, (Law), NHRC, New Delhi
The G.A. (HRC) Department
SF/SC.

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SECTION OFFICER.